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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ARREST OF MNLF LEADER

1. ACCORDING BANNER HEADLINES IN MARCH 15 MANILA DAILY (TIMES JOURNAL) MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) CHAIRMAN NUR MISUARI AND WIFE AND UNDER "HOUSE ARREST" IN LIBYA ACCUSED OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF MNLF FUNDS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED AND STORY (WHICH NOT CARRIED BY OTHER PAPERS) DOES NOT STATE WHETHER LIBYANS OR MNLF COLLEAGUES RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED ARREST. STORY STATES FURTHER THAT ACCORDING "MEMBERS OF THE MINDANAO PEACE PANEL" ONE COMMANDER DIMAPORO ALSO KNOWN AS MOHAMMED JAMES BOND HAS REPLACE MISUARI AS MNLF CHIEF.

2. COMMENT: STORY DATED LINED DAVAO IS SOURCED TO INFORMANTS AT LATEST ROUND OF "PEACE TALKS" WHICH GOP IS STAGING WITH SELECTED MUSLIM REBELS, AND WAS PROBABLY INVENTED FOR THE OCCASION. "MOHAMMED JAMES BOND" IS PRESUMABLY LANAO REBEL LEADER FEATURED IN FEB 9 ISSUE OF TIME WHICH WAS BANNED LOCALLY. OTHER THAN THIS REFERENCE, EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON BOND/DIMAPORO BUT THINK IT UNLIKELY HE WOULD REPLACE MISUARI IF LATTER OUSTED.

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